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Top DEP Stories

Central Penn Business Journal: DEP launches SPEED program to fast-track permit reviews
<https://www.cpbj.com/dep-launches-speed-program-to-fast-track-permit-reviews/>

Mentions

Erie Times: Supervisor at Erie Coke pleaded guilty to illegal pollution. Feds now want case dismissed
<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/crime/2025/06/26/erie-coke-u-s-attorney-wants-criminal-pollution-case-tossed-vs-supervisor-david-stableib/84354090007/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Water Boil Advisory Remains in Place in Laceyville
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/water-boil-advisory-remains-in-place-in-laceyville/>

Air

Standard-Speaker: Residents invited to meeting Thursday about Sugarloaf plastics plant
<https://www.standardsspeaker.com/2025/06/25/residents-invited-to-meeting-thursday-about-sugarloaf-plastics-plant/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Wyalusing Liquor Store Closing Due to “Environmental Reasons”
<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/wyalusing-liquor-store-closing-june-28/>

Conservation and Recreation

Latrobe Bulletin: Ligonier Weeders and Seeders to rededicate Valley Veterans Park
https://www.latrobebulletinnews.com/news/local/ligonier-weeders-and-seeders-to-rededicate-valley-veterans-park/article_c0e07b06-f0c8-42d2-8ea5-7ab54ea592a3.html

The Mon Valley Independent: Elizabeth applies for Duke Park, riverwalk grants
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/06/26/elizabeth-applies-for-duke-park-riverwalk-grants/>

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: Barred owls and other raptors finding a home in Frick Park and other urban green spaces
<https://www.post-gazette.com/life/outdoors/2025/06/26/kenn-kaufman-birds-audubon-missed-frick-park/stories/202506130040>

Tribune-Democrat: Outdoors | Two local trout streams receive habitat improvement

https://www.tribdem.com/sports/outdoors-two-local-trout-streams-receive-habitat-improvement/article_591ce9fe-7bcb-4c6d-91e9-7e40030bc690.html

KDKA: Pittsburgh Zoo plans giraffe breeding program and new exhibit after "transformative" \$10 million donation

<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/pittsburgh-zoo-donation-plans/>

WJAC: Cyclists and hikers shuttle around landslide closure on Great Allegheny Passage

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/cyclists-and-hikers-shuttle-around-landslide-closure-on-great-allegheny-passage#>

Allegheny Front: Pitt falcon fledglings leave the nest

<https://www.alleghenyfront.org/peregrine-falcon-fledglings-oakland-pitt/>

Erie Times: North East Marina to remain closed pending sale, repairs. When will it reopen?

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2025/06/24/north-east-marina-closed-pending-sale-pfbc-repairs-lake-erie/84321487007/?tbref=hp>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Rattlesnake Roundup Draws Hundreds to Noxen

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/rattlesnake-roundup-draws-hundreds-to-noxen/>

Energy

WJAC: How residents can cut energy costs while staying cool in extreme heat

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/how-residents-can-cut-energy-costs-while-staying-cool-in-extreme-heat#>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Excessive heat poses dangers; electric savings tips offered

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/excessive-heat-poses-dangers/>

Oil and Gas

Observer-Reporter: Act 13 natural gas impact fee drops for second straight year

<https://www.observer-reporter.com/news/local-news/2025/jun/26/decreasing-act-13-natural-gas-impact-fee-money-squeezing-municipal-budgets/>

Butler Eagle: Butler County receives state's 7th-highest amount of Act 13 funding

<https://www.butlereagle.com/20250625/butler-county-receives-states-7th-highest-amount-of-act-13-funding/>

Wyalusing Rocket-Courier: Impact fee collections down \$15M statewide

<https://www.rocket-courier.com/articles/impact-fee-collections-down-15m-statewide/>

PFAS

Penn State News: 'Forever chemicals' detected in 65% of sampled private wells in Pennsylvania
<https://www.psu.edu/news/research/story/forever-chemicals-detected-65-sampled-private-wells-pennsylvania>

Waste

The Mon Valley Independent: Fallowfield enters agreement with sewage authority
<https://www.monvalleyindependent.com/2025/06/26/fallowfield-enters-agreement-with-sewage-authority/>

KDKA: Lower Burrell residents fed up with missed trash collections
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/trash-collection-problems-lower-burrell/>

Union Progress: Dispose of household chemicals and tires at PRC collection event Saturday in Washington County
<https://www.unionprogress.com/2025/06/26/dispose-of-household-chemicals-and-tires-at-prc-collection-event-saturday-in-washington-county/>

The Derrick: OC's new garbage, recycling service begins Tuesday
https://www.thederrick.com/news/front_page/ocs-new-garbage-recycling-service-begins-tuesday/article_f83e6a2f-f079-4c7e-be2a-d60d30263ccc.html

Water

KDKA: Dry hydrants hinder firefighters at Washington County house fire
<https://www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/washington-county-fire-destroys-home/>

New Castle News: State Senate considers banning fluoride in drinking water
https://www.ncnewsonline.com/news/local_news/state-senate-considers-banning-fluoride-in-drinking-water/article_1573dec6-38d8-4605-92a0-712580f0b717.html

Record-Argus: Now at helm at Greenville wastewater, Aqua gets to work
https://www.recordargusnews.com/news/now-at-helm-at-greenville-wastewater-aqua-gets-to-work/article_b99988d3-9f0d-4e78-82a8-7fd02ac3d152.html

WNEP 16: Water boil advisory issued for part of Shavertown
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/water-boil-advisory-shavertown-luzerne-county-pennsylvania-american/523-1a69dff6-ce06-470c-b2ac-d17dda8e774f>

Times-Leader: Sinkhole opens up on Horton Street in Wilkes-Barre, area still unsafe
<https://www.timesleader.com/news/1704439/sinkhole-opens-up-on-horton-street-in-wilkes-barre-area-still-unsafe>

WNEP 16: Giant hole closes road in Wilkes-Barre
<https://www.wnep.com/article/news/local/luzerne-county/giant-hole-damages-roadway-in-wilkes-barre-luzerne-county-pennDOT/523-6095e30f-dfcb-42d1-a1c2-e372d9433e65>

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<https://extension.psu.edu/sinuosity-and-stream-health>

Sunbury Daily Item: Flood wall set up practice will close portion of Route 11 in Danville Sunday

https://www.dailyitem.com/news/flood-wall-set-up-practice-will-close-portion-of-route-11-in-danville-sunday/article_c6df5ea7-3940-4445-89a1-f43d6edf85aa.html

Westfield Free Press-Courier: Knoxville talks infrastructure

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Standard-Speaker: Farmers coping with weather extremes

<https://www.standardspeaker.com/2025/06/25/farmers-coping-with-weather-extremes/>

Morning Call: Cold front brings 'modest relief,' possible storms to the Lehigh Valley. Here's what to expect

<https://www.mcall.com/2025/06/26/cold-front-brings-modest-relief-possible-storms-to-the-lehigh-valley-heres-what-to-expect/>